



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION &  
TECHNOLOGY)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (NUCLEAR SECURITY  
AND COUNTER PROLIFERATION)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (LEGISLATIVE  
AFFAIRS)  
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(ATOMIC ENERGY)  
COMPTROLLER  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY  
DIRECTOR, ON-SITE INSPECTION AGENCY

SUBJECT: Designations Pursuant to Title XVII: Chemical and  
Biological Warfare Defense, Section 1701, of the  
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160)

Section 1701 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to consolidate the management and oversight of the Chemical and Biological Warfare Defense program into a single office within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and to execute oversight of the program through the Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) process. The Act also directs the Secretary of Defense designate the Army as the Executive Agent for coordination and integration of the program.

In accordance with Section 1701, the Army is designated as the Executive Agent for the DoD to coordinate and integrate the research, development, test, evaluation, and acquisition; and military construction requirements of the military departments for the DoD Chemical and Biological Defense program which includes Chemical Demilitarization and Chemical/Biological Weapons Treaty Compliance/Verification. Further, the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy) (OATSD(AE)) will be the single office within the Office of the Secretary of Defense responsible for management and oversight of the DoD Chemical and Biological Defense program and coordination of policy issues with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Security and Counter Proliferation (ASD(NS&CP)). To execute this responsibility, OATSD(AE) will ensure close and continuous coordination between the medical and

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the non-medical chemical and biological defense programs; provide an annual report to Congress on chemical and biological defense readiness, training and materiel; and direct the consolidation, coordination and integration of the chemical and biological defense budget for the military departments.

I ask that the Secretary of the Army provide a chairperson for an OSD-chartered taskforce which will provide an implementation plan for the Executive Agent management role for the DoD Chemical and Biological Defense program not later than 15 April 1994. The task force will have representation from OSD, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the DoD components and military departments and be established to recommend a management option in accordance with the requirements of the Section 1701.

I request that the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) review the Chemical and Biological Defense program in accordance with Section 1701. The review should assess the management structure of the program and form the basis for a report required by Congress on May 1, 1994.

Please identify your responsible office and point of contact (POC) for these actions to the POC, Dr. Jerry M. Freedman, Acting Deputy for Chemical/Biological Matters, X51097, not later than February 28, 1994.

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